

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A sequential lateral solidification (SLS) mask comprising:
a light absorptive portion for blocking a laser beam; and
a plurality of stripe-shaped light transmitting portions for passing the laser beam, each light-transmitting portion includes a triangular-shaped edge or semicircular-shaped edge wherein the distance between the adjacent light transmitting portions is less than or equal to the width of the light transmitting portion.

8. (Currently Amended) The mask of claim 7, wherein the distance between the adjacent light transmitting portions is less than or equal to the width of the light transmitting portion each light transmitting portion includes triangular-shaped edges on both sides.

9-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The mask of claim 7, wherein the width of the light transmitting portions is less than or equal to twice the maximum length of lateral grain growth that is to be grown by sequential lateral solidification (SLS).

12-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A sequential lateral solidification (SLS) mask comprising:
a light absorptive portion for blocking a laser beam; and
a plurality of stripe-shaped light transmitting portions for passing the laser beam, each light-transmitting portion includes triangular-shaped edges or semicircular-shaped edges on both sides, wherein the width of the light transmitting portions is less than twice the maximum length of lateral grain growth that is to be grown by sequential lateral solidification (SLS).

25-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The mask of claim 24, wherein the distance between the adjacent light transmitting portions is less than or equal to the width of the light transmitting portion.

28. (Currently Amended) A sequential lateral solidification (SLS) mask comprising:

a light absorptive portion for blocking a laser beam; and

a plurality of stripe-shaped light transmitting portions for passing the laser beam, at least one end of opposing edges of the plurality of stripe-shaped light transmitting portions have a shape such that an intensity of the laser beam passing through at least one end is substantially lower than an intensity of the laser beam passing through other portions due to are dimensioned so as to generate interference and scattering of the laser beam.

29. (Previously Presented) The mask of claim 28, wherein each light-transmitting portion includes triangular-shaped edges on both sides.

30. (Previously Presented) The mask of claim 28, wherein each light-transmitting portion includes semicircular-shaped edges on both sides.

31. (Previously Presented) The mask of claim 28, wherein the distance between the adjacent light transmitting portions is less than or equal to the width of the light transmitting portion.

32. (Previously Presented) The mask of claim 28, wherein the width of the light transmitting portions is less than or equal to twice the maximum length of lateral grain growth that is to be grown by sequential lateral solidification (SLS).